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SUBJECT: DoD Criminal Investigation Standards, Policies, and Procedures

- References:
- (a) DoD 5025.1-M, "DoD Directives System Procedures," April 1981, authorized by DoD Directive 5025.1, October 16, 1980
 - (b) Public Law 95-452, "Inspector General Act of 1978," as amended, October 12, 1978
 - (c) DoD Directive 5106.1, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," March 14, 1983
 - (d) through (i), see enclosure 1

A. PURPOSE

This Directive authorizes the publication of DoD 5505.1-M, "DoD Criminal Investigation Policy and Procedure Manual," consistent with reference (a), to provide expanded guidance on investigative policies and procedures under references (b) and (c). Upon publication of DoD 5505.1-M, references (d) through (i) are canceled.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments and those Defense Agencies that have any organization that conducts investigations of possible violations of criminal laws of the United States (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components") and the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense (OIG, DoD).

C. POLICY

1. It is DoD policy to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of DoD criminal investigation activities through development and implementation of consistent standards, policies, and procedures. Such consistent guidance also provides a basis, in part, for measuring the quality and effectiveness of criminal investigation operations.

2. The standards, policies, and procedures included in DoD 5505.1-M will allow ample latitude for DoD criminal investigative organizations to provide for unique operational requirements and for tailoring the investigation management process to individual circumstances.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Inspector General, Department of Defense (IG, DoD), or designee, the Assistant Inspector General for Criminal Investigations Policy and Oversight (AIG-CIPO), shall develop, publish, and maintain DoD 5505.1-M, consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (a)).

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2. The Heads of DoD Components shall:

- a. Ensure adherence to DoD 5505.1-M, including development of any detailed procedures and processes required for its implementation.
- b. Recommend changes to DoD 5505.1-M to the OIG, DoD, and ensure timely coordination on changes proposed by the AIG-CIPO.
- c. Submit regularly to the IG, DoD, updated distribution requirements for DoD 5505.1-M.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. DoD 5505.1-M constitutes implementation of this Directive.



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REFERENCES (continued)

- (d) DoD Instruction 7050.2, "Uniform Criminal Investigative Report Format," October 12, 1983
- (e) DoD Instruction 7920.3, "DoD Investigative Management Information System," September 15, 1982
- (f) Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 1, "Forensic Laboratory Support to DoD," August 10, 1983
- (g) Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 2, "Obtaining Written Recommendations from the United States Attorney Following a Declination to Prosecute," September 13, 1984
- (h) Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 3, "Reporting to the Fraud and Corruption Tracking System, Department of Justice," February 15, 1984
- (i) Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 4, "Criminal Investigations Policy Advisory Group," January 13, 1984

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